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Re:

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
- 2. Request to Withdraw from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a) For Consideration of a Request for Continued Examination;
- 3. Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
- 4. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 5. Form PTO-1449 (7 sheets) and accompanying (27) references;
- 6. Return postcard; and
- 7. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$770.00 to cover the fee for filing a Request for Continued Examination.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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